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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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TITLE: DEVICE FOR FIXING BLADES TO END PLATES WHICH ARE  
ROTATIONALLY INTEGRAL WITH A ROTARY SHAFT AND  
AGRICULTURAL MACHINE FITTED WITH SAID DEVICE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment accompanying a new patent application being filed simultaneously herewith.

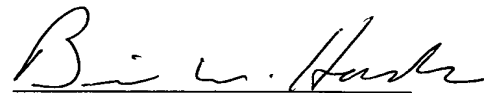
**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace the claims with the attached amended claims.

**REMARKS**

The claims have been amended to remove the characterizing language, reference numerals and multiple dependencies.

Respectfully submitted,



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